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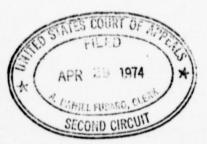
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On Appeal From The United States District Court For The Eastern District Of New York

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On or about the 20th day of August, 1973, in the Eastern District of New York, a competent tribunal, that is, a Grand Jury of the United States of America, duly impaneled and sworn in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, was conducting an inquiry to determine among other things, whether, in connection with the case of United States v. John Doe, Criminal Case Number 731, 774, there had been committed in the Eastern District of New York violations of Title 18, U.S.C. \$224 (Sports Bribery) and other Federal criminal statutes, said inquiry being a case in which a law of the United States authorized an oath to be administered.

It was material to this Grand Jury inquiry to ascertain, among other things:

The times and places at which Joseph F. Pinto purchased and cashed his winning Superfects tickets as well as the identity of any person or persons for whom Joseph F. Pinto bought or cashed winning Superfecta

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tickets or persons who bought or cashed winning Superfecta tickets for Mr. Pinto.

On or about the 20th day of August, 1973, the defendant Joseph F. Pinto, having duly taken an oath before the said Grand Jury that, as a witness before said Grand Jury, he would testify truly, did then and there, wilfully and contrary to such oath, state material matter which he did not believe to be true, and knew to be false, to wit:

- Q. Mr. Pinto, last time you were here you were telling us about winning a Superfects on March 8. Was that one ticket that you won?
 - A. I had one ticket I won. That's right. I had bought five tickets.
 - Q. You had bought five tickets?
- A. Right. And here is my daughter's birth certificate and you will find the numbers on here. I also parked my car in midtown the day before, I think, and on the sticker was 1248. My daughter was born January 24, 1956.
 - Q. What were the other tickets?
- A. 1245, 1246, 1248 and 1256. That's my daughter's birthday and 1268, I think.
 - Q. What kind of tickets were these?
 - A. \$72 box tickets.
 - Q. So you bought five \$72 box tickets?
 - A. Right.
- Q. Mr. Pinto, I want to get something very clear. Did you purchase these tickets yourself.

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- A. I did.
- Q. You didn't have anyone purchase them for you?
- A. No.

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CHARGE OF THE COURT

JUDD. J.

THE COURT: Mr. Meyerson, Mr. Faraldo,
Mr. Pinto, Miss Maddingly and ladies and gentlemen
of the jury:

Mow that you have heard the testimony and arguments of counsel, it is my duty to give you the instructions of the Court as to the law applicable to the case. I use written notes to be as accurate as possible because I am subject to review although a jury verdict is not.

function, but you have to take the law as I give it to you. First, I will describe the general principles that apply to all criminal trials and then I will tell you the nature of the charges in this case and the specific rules of law that applies to them, the way to evaluate the evidence and something about how to reach a verdict. It is your duty as jurors to follow the law and apply the rules I give you to the facts as you find them.

You are the sole judges of the facts.

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Whatever counsel said in their summation, whatever I may say ir my charge about the facts, is not evidence anddes not control your recollection of the facts. Your recollection is what governs. You are to perfrom your duties as jurors without bias and without prejudice for or against the Government or the defendant. The law does not permit jurors to be governed by sympathy or prejudice or public opinion. The law presumes a defendant innocent of the crime with which he is charged and permits nothing but legal evidence to be considered in support of any charge against the accused. This presumption of innocence in itself is enough to acquit a defendant unless the jurors are satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt of the defendant's guilt from all the evidence in the case. If you are satisfied, then it is your duty to bring in a verdict of guilty.

Reasonable doubt is a fairly simple phrase. I will say a little bit about what the law means by a reasonable doubt. The language is the real key. A reasonable doubt is a fair doubt based on reason and common sense, arising from the state of the evidence or from the Government's failure to

produce evidence on an essential element of the crime. A reasonable doubt does not mean a doubt that a juror seizes upon arbitrarily or capriciously because he is reluctant to perform an unpleasant task or because of the natural sympathy we have for someone in trouble. It is rarely possible to prove anything to an absolute certainty and that is not what the law requires. Proof beyond a reasonable doubt refers to the type of doubt that would make a reasonable person hesitate to act in the important affairs of his or her own life.

Proof beyond a reasonable doubt operates
on the whole case. It doesn't mean that each
bit of evidence must be proved beyond a reasonable
doubt. It means that the sum total of the
Government's evidence must satisfy you beyond a
reasonable doubt as to each element of the crime
charged or else you must acquit. If you are
satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt as to each
element of the case you must convict.

An indictment is just a formal method of accusing a person of a crime. The indictment is not evidence of any kind against the accused and

inference of guilt. The defendant has pleaded not guilty. The indictment and the plea creates the issue which you must decide.

The law never imposes a duty upon a defendant in a criminal case to testify or to produce any evidence or any witnesses. The fact that the defendant did not testify does not create an inference that he is guilty. It is not a matter you can discuss in the jury room as bearing upon your verdict.

I will tell you more about evaluating evidence but I will just say now, you can draw reasonable inferences from the evidence based upon your own common sense and general experience and from any facts you find were proved. However, you cannot decide anything on the basis of speculation or conjecture.

Now, I turn to the charges in this case.

The indictment charges that on or about August 20th,

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Question: Mr. Pinto, last time you were here you were telling us about winning a Superfecta on March 8. Was that one ticket that you won?

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Question: What kind of tickets were these?
Answer: \$72.00 box tickets.

Question: So you bought five \$72.00 box tickets?

Answer: Right.

Question: Mr. Pinto, I want to get something very clear. Did you purchase these tickets yourself? Answer: I did.

Question: You didn't have anyone else purchase them for you?

Answer: No.

Now, this is described as a violation of Title 18, United States Code section 1623.

I have read the indictment because that is the issue. This is what is charged. The fact that I have read it does not mean you have to find the statements were false.

The statute which I referred to, section 1623 of Title 18 says: "Whoever under oath in any proceeding before or ancillary to any Court or Grand Jury of the United States knowingly makes any false material declaration shall be fined or imprisoned or both."

You are not concerned with the fine or term of imprisonment because that is for me to determine by the circumstances and the defendant's past history, should there be a verdict of guilty. This section further provides that proof beyond a reasonable doubt is sufficient for conviction and it is not necessary that such proof be made by any particular number of witnesses or by documentary or other type of evidence.

In order to establish the crime, the Government must prove beyond a reasonable doubt certain, what we call essential elements. There are three essential elements required to be proved in order to establish perjury under this statute.

First, that the testimony was given under oath, taken by the accused before a Grand Jury as to some material matter.

Second, that the testimony so given was false in one or more of the respects charged, and third, that the false testimony was willfully given as charged.

The burden is always on the prosecution to prove beyond a reasonable doubt every essential element of the crime charged. The fact that one element has been proved does not create an inference that the others have been proved. Each must be proved. The law never imposes upon the defendant in a criminal case the burden of calling any witness or producing any evidence.

As to the first element, the materiality of the matter involved in the alleged false testimony is not a matter with which you should be concerned. That is a question of law for the Court to decide

and I have considered the effect on an inquiry
into alleged sports bribery or the other federal
crimes which may have been involved; the materiality
of that as to false answers with respect to who
bought the tickets, when they were bought, which
ones were cashed and I instruct you that the
questions asked before the Grand Jury, as charged
in the indictment, constituted material matter in
the Grand Jury investigation described in the
indictment.

The issues for you to decide are, first, whether the testimony was false and if so, whether Mr. Pinto knew it was false.

Mow, the federal rules provide, with respect to a Grand Jury, that the foreman shall have power to administer oaths and affirmations and sign all indictments. You heard Mr. Wilkinson testify. If you are satisfied that he did in fact administer an oath to Mr. Pinto as he testified, then you may find that the first element, that this was a material statement under oath, has been established.

As to the second element, that the testimony was false in one or more respects, that is something for you to determine and in that connection, while

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the indictment lists 7 questions and 7 answers, it is sufficient to prove that my one of the answers was false in order to support a verdict of guilty.

As to the third element, which is intent, the statute you will recall says "A knowingly made false statement." You have to determine not only that the statement was made and # was material and under oath but that the defendant knew it was false at the time he gave it and that involves a question of state of mind. The question of state of mind is an issue to be found by the jury. It's bard to determine from direct testimony but it can be inferred from things the defendant says or does. As a practical matter, it is almost impossible to prove the workings of a defendant's mind when he testified before the Grand Jury, but in appropriate circumstances, as here, you may infer a belief in the falsity by proof of the falsity itself. You don't have to make such inference but if you find the testimony was false when given before the Grand Jury you may find the third element, that the testimony, if you decide it was given falsely, was given knowingly

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and willfully.

Let me emphasize this: An essential element of the crime is that the defendant must have acted with criminal intent and believed that what he swore to was false. He must have had the intention to deceive. If there was a lack of consciousness of the statement, if it was inadvertently made then there is no corrupt motive and you must find the defendant not guilty. Unless the Government has established to your satisfaction beyond a reasonable doubt that the statement, even if false, was not given under honest mistake or through inadvertence or with the honest belief it was true, you must find the defendant not guilty. However, if you find it was false and the defendant knew it was false then you must bring in a verdict of guilty.

You must acquit if any essential element is not proved beyond a reasonable doubt and as I said before you cannot infer from the fact that one element has been proved that the others were also proved.

Now, with respect to the evaluation of evidence, generally speaking, there are two types

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of evidence from which a jury can find facts.

One is direct evidence such as the testimony of an eye witness and the other is circumstantial evidence which is the proof of a chain of facts and circumstances pointing to the commission of an offense.

For instance, the circumstantial evidence here is that the print-out showed 7 winners in a row and Mr. Pinto had told the Grand Jury the first time that he bought five tickets at a time and there is an inconsistency there which is circumstantial evidence.

As a general rule, the law makes no distinction between direct and circumstantial evidence.

It simply requires that before convicting a defendant, the jury must be satisfied of his guilt beyond a reasonable doubt from all the evidence in the case.

Now, we have the testimony of witnesses and cross examination and of course you can consider the direct examination and the cross examination.

When you consider a witness' testimony you are doing some of the kind of judging as you would do in your life when you try to decide what you are

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going to do and various people are called and they talk to you and you decide whether you are going to rely on their testimony or not.

You can consider the witness' interest in the outcome of the case, any bias, the manner in which the witnesses testified, their cardor and intelligence as you observed it. You can consider the extent to which any testimony has been corroborated or contradicted; inconsistencies within the testimony of any witness either on direct or cross examination. If there are inconsistencies in the testimony of a witness you may decide to disregard the testimony entirely or just in part. A witness may be mistaken with respect to part of the testimony and be accurate with respect to other parts. That is for you to decide. In each case two or more persons witnessing an incident may see it differently. Innocent mis-recollection like failure of recollection is not uncommon and in weighing inconsistencies you should always consider whether the discrepancies result from innocent error or intentional falsehoods. After making your judgment you give the testimony th credibility, if any, as you think it deserves.

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You don't have to believe even the uncontradicted testimony of a witness if you find it just does not make sense.

With respect to circumstantial evidence,
as I described before, it is not necessary to
establish guilt that it exclude every reasonable
hypothesis of innocence. It is only necessary
that the jury be satisfied of the defendant's
guilt beyond a reasonable doubt on the whole case.

The law does not require the prosecution to call as witnesses all persons who may have been present at any time or place involved in the case or who may appear to have some knowledge of matters in issue at the trial.

Mr. Faraldo called attention to the fact that the person making out the 1099 was not produced. Nobody was quite sure who did it.

Where there is a witness with knowledge of the facts and he or she is not produced, you may consider first whether the witness was available to one side more than the other or available equally to both rides. If the witness was more available to one side than the other then you may draw an inference that the testimony, if

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given, would not have been favorable to the person who failed to call the witness. However, you do not have to draw such an inference and you should bear in mind that there is never an obligation on the defendant to produce any witnesses and again, you have the provision of section 1623(e) that it shall not be necessary that proof, under this section, be made by any particular number of witnesses or by documentary or other type of evidence, provided guilt is established beyond a reasonable doubt. The testimony of a single witness may be sufficient to convince you beyond a reasonable doubt of the existence of an essential element of the crime if you believe beyond a reasonable doubt that the witness is telling the truth.

I mentioned that you could draw inferences from the facts that are established to your satisfaction. It is not necessary that all inferences drawn from the facts be consistent with guilt and inconsistent with every reasonable hypothesis of innocence. The drawing of inferences is your function to be governed by human experience but you must weigh the inferences both

favorable and unfavorable to the accused to see if it points to guilt beyond a reasonable doubt or leaves a reasonable doubt in your mind.

The federal law permits a Judge to comment on the evidence provided he makes it clear that the jurors are the final judges of the evidence. I am not going to spend a great deal of time on it but there were a few things I thought might be the subject of comment.

Miss Lee's testimony is of considerable importance because she testified that the 35 tickets were bought by one person and it was not Mr. Pinto. You may consider that that is a hard thing to recall out of thousands of people she saw over the period of a year or more she has been working.

You may also consider that it is unusual to buy 35 tickets for \$2,500.00. If you look at the blow-up of the sheets on the print-out which covered these \$72.00 bets you will find that the bets before were two dollar and ten dollar bets; that these were rather unusual, on that page at least, and you can look at the whole print-out if you wish to see if it would impress itself on

a person's mind sufficiently for you to believe what Miss Lee said.

As far as corroboration of the print-out and computer testimony there was testimony about potential errors in the computer.

There was apparently the fact, that the middle initial on the form 1099 is wrong and you may consider whether that was a mistake of the clerk or somebody else when Mr. Pinto came in with the ticket. Then, you have to consider what was the ticket that he cashed if not this ticket.

My recollection of Mr. Shagan's testimony was that he said there are possibilities of errors in a computer but when you consider the various checks and methods of detecting the errors and the relationship between the numbers on the ticket and the numbers on the magnetic drum as reflected on the print-out, the chances of error is in relation to one in a trillion and a trillion is a million, million.

If you look at the print-out you find 35 successive \$72.00 bets and it is possible that 35 different people came up and made successive

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\$72.00 bets and Mr. Pinto just bought one of the tickets. However, if you look at the variety of bets on this same sheet, there were many more than ten different bets and if you take random selections — which is how you were selected, out of a computer, to come to the jury — and assume even that the average person might make two bets instead of one, the chances of 18 different people making successive similar bets would be — I would suppose about one in 10, on each bet, with 18 zeros after it which is more than one in a trillion. My mathematics may be wrong. Perhaps one of you drew 13 cards of the same suit in a bridge game. You know the possibilities of that.

I noticed an error in the testimony. I think Mr. Shagan told me it was a 299 to 1 het because it was a \$3.00 bet and there were X number of bets, 18 bets on a \$3.00 ticket. My mathematics say 24 or else somebody is being overcharged. Those are human errors.

You have to consider whether the ticket produced in evidence ties in with the 1099 which was produced in evidence and whether that is the

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ticket that Mr. Pinto cashed and whether if so,
he was lying when he said "I bought five tickets
together and only five tickets and I bought them
and I cashed one that I bought." That essentially
is the issue for you to decide.

Again, whatever I have said about the evidence does not govern your recollection. It is not intended to suggest that I am recommending a verdict of guilty or not guilty. That is all for you to decide.

Now, a few words about reaching a verdict.

As I said, when you go into the jury room juror number one will act as foreman, presiding over the deliberations and should try to see that everyone gets a chance to talk and that no one monopolizes the floor and as far as possible, that three people do not talk at the same time so that you all get the benefit of what is being said.

During your deliberations you should assume the attitude of judges of the facts, not partisans or advocates. In that way you are making a real contribution to the administration of justice.

Again, when you determine the guilt or innocence of the defendant, give no consideration to the

matter of punishment. It is my responsibility and it is a difficult responsibility if the defendant is found guilty.

I repeat, your recollection of the evidence governs. If you want testimony repeated you can give a note to the marshal and we will try to find it in the notes and have it read to you.

If you want to look at the exhibits give a note to the marshal and they will be sent in to you.

When you reach a verdict give a note to the marshal reporting simply that you have reached a verdict. When you come in juror number one will announce the verdict orally and then either party may ask to have the jury polled, meaning each juror responds to whether it is in fact his verdict so that we know it is a unanimous verdict, all 12 jurors agreeing.

Your own opinions but listen carefully to each other and do not hesitate to change your opinion if you are convinced that somebody else has a better view of the facts which you did not initially think of. However, the final decision must be your own and there is no need to give in because more

people disagree then agree with you.

After I complete my charge counsel has a right to tell me whether they think there is anything I left out or anything I have misspoken and if so, I will bring you back but that will be quite short and I don't think it should interfere with your proceeding with your deliberations.

Your verdict should be without bias, prejudice or sympathy. You are a fact finding body and it is your duty to decide whether the acts charged in the indictment were committed, whether the statements made by Mr. Pinto to the Grand Jury were false and knowingly false.

You should exercise your own knowledge and common sense in reaching a verdict.

Finally, your oath sums up your duty and that is, without fear or favor to any man, you will well and truly try the issues between the parties according to the evidence given to you in court and the laws of the United States.

I now ask that the marshal be sworn.

THE CLERK: Yes, your Honor.

(Assistant United States marshal sworn

Huited States District Court

United States of America

JOSEPH PINTO

No. 73 CR-1072

On this day of February government and the defendant appeared in person and

with counsel, J. Faraldo, Esq.

It is Anjunced that the defendant uponybisquicaxxixx a verdict of guilty

has been convicted of the offense of violating T-18, U.S.Code, Sec. 1623, in that on or about August 20, 1973, in the Eastern District of New York, a competent tribunal, that is, a Grand Jury of the United States of America, duly impaneled and sworn in the U.S.District Court for the Eastern District of New York, was conducting an inquiry to determine among other things, whether in connection with the case of the U.S. v. John Doe, Criminal Case #731,774, there had been committed in the Eastern District of N.Y. violations of T-18, U.S.C.Sec..224(Sports Bribery) and other Federal Criminal statutes, said inquiry being a case in which a law of the U.S. authorized an oath to be administered and the defendant did then and there wilfully and contrary to such oath, state material matter which he knew to be false as charged?

and the court having asked the defendant whether he has anything to say why judgment should not be pronounced, and no sufficient cause to the contrary being shown or appearing to the Court,

It is Abjudged that the defendant is guilty as charged and convicted.

It is Anyunged that the defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the Attorney General or his authorised representative for imprisonment for a period of one year pursuant to T-18, U.S.Code, Sec. 3651. Defendant to serve 60 days and execution of the balance of sentence is suspended and the defendant is placed on probation for 18 months subject to the standard conditions of probation as set forth in the standing order of this court dated Oct. 13, 19644 Execution of sentence stayed 10 days if notice of appeal is filed and execution stayed pending appeal if notice of later that appeal is filed.

It is Ondered that the Clerk deliver a certified copy of this judgment and commitment to the United States Marshal or other qualified officer and that the copy serve as the commitment of the defendant.

The Court recommends commitment to

District Judge.

Clerk

Insert "by Inome of counsel), counsel" or without counsel; the court advised the defendant of his rights to counsel and asked him whether he desired to have counsel appointed by the court, and the defendant then upon stated that he waived the right to the assistance of counsel." Insert (1) "guilty and the court being satisfied there is a factual basis for the pica." (2) "not guilty, and a verdict of guilty." (3) "not guilty, and a finithm of suilty," or (4) "noto contendere." as the case may be, Insert "in count(s) number "if required fanter (1) sentence or sentences, specifying counts if any: (2) whether sentences are to run concurrently or conscittively and, if consecutively, when each term is to begin with reference to termination of preceding term or to any other outstanding unserved sentence; (3) whether defendant is to be further imprisoned until payment of the fine or line and costs, or until he is otherwise discharged as previded by law. Enter any order with respect to supposition and probation. "For use of Court to recommend a particular institution.

STATE OF NEW YORK SS: COUNTY OF RICHMOND) ROBERT BAILEY, being duly sworn, deposes and says, that deponent is not a party to the action, is over 18 years of age and resides at 286 Richmond Avenue, Staten Island, N.Y. 10302. That on the 2 day of Q attorney(s) for app the address designated by said attorney(s) for that purpose by depositing 3 true copies of same enclosed in a postpaid properly addressed wrapper, in an official depository under the exclusive care and custody of the United States post office department within the State of New York. WILLIAM BAILEY Notary Public, State of New York No. 43-0132945 Qualified in Richmond County Commission Expires March 30,